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IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM EDITOR! It is a shame I have to go through this again, but BARF-80 BBS (Basic Amateur Radio Frequency) is NO (repeat NO) way connected or associated with the B.A.R.F. (Better Amateur Radio Federation). The same notice was issued several years back, but due to the numerous messages appearing on the UseNet groups dealing with B.A.R.F. and involving hatred towards individuals, this message is important to circulate before confusion between BARF-80 BBS and B.A.R.F. gets out of hand. **PLEASE PASS THE WORD!** There is **NO ASSOCIATION OR CONNECTION**.

4X, ISRAEL. Look for Cedric, HB9HZN, to be signing **4X/HB9HFN** now **until November 13th** from **Tel-Aviv**. He is there on a business trip but plans to be active as much as possible during the evening. He will be taking an IC-706 w/Tuner and wires. QSL to his home call (bureau preferred) or direct to Cedric Baechler, Mettetlet 26, 1763 Granges-Paccot, Switzerland.

5T, MAURITANIA. Members of the International Amateur Radio Volunteers (IARV) led by Yoshi, JA1UT, and Toshi, JA8RUZ, are currently in **Nouakchott** to implement an aid project. This project will help in the setup of hospital/ambulance radio communications, assistance to UNICEF, and assistance to the Government with the famous Paris-Dakar Motor Rally. The main activity will take place between **November 6-13th**. They hope and expect to have the **5T5U** licence reissued to them, but the operation may be supervised, so "pile-up" type operations may not be possible. Their operating times are subject to spare time. They will give an emphasis to CW on all bands including the WARC bands, excluding 1.8 MHz (check +30 kHz from the band edge, except for LF bands). They plan to operate on RTTY (on 14, 21, and possibly 7 MHz, frequency not yet decided). On SSB, check 14185, 21285, 28585 and check PacketCluster spots for 7/3.8 MHz. QSL to JA1UT.

5V, TOGO (Update). Roger, G3SXW, provided OPDX with the following update and reminder: "All arrangements are in place for the **5V7A** expedition to Togo, to operate in the Multi-Multi category of **CQ World-Wide CW Contest**. Before the contest (**November 26th** to

28th) we will operate on contest bands, checking antennas. After, (**December 1st to 4th**) we will also operate WARC bands. Arrangements have now also been made to operate some RTTY. These operations (several simultaneous stations) will be with personal callsigns: **5V7A/G3SXW**, **5V7ZM/G3ZEM**, **5V7FA/G4FAM**, **5V7RF/GM3YTS**, **5V7VT/K5VT**, **5V7PN/K7PN** **5V7MF/KC7V**, **5V7BG/N7BG**, **5V7MB/N7MB** and **5V7BV/W6RGG**." For more details check out the following WEB site: <http://www.getnet.com/~k7wx/5v7a.html>

9A, CROATIA. Croatian club radio station 9A1CRD will be celebrating its **20th anniversary** until **December 31st**, with special callsign **9A20D**. All activity will be on 80-10 meters frequencies with operations on CW and SSB. QSL via 9A1CRD.

9Q ON SSTV! On Tuesday, November 4th, Peter/ON6TT made the first **SSTV** QSO ever from 9Q (Democratic Republic Congo) using the call **9Q2T**. The first pictures from 9Q2T are already on WWW. Check ON4VT's WEB site at: <http://www.ping.be/on4vt/>

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (Update). David, K3LP (ex AA6DC), will now be joined by Rich, KE3Q, for his **November 22nd to December 2nd** operation as **A61AJ**. Activity will be mostly CW and on the lower bands (watch their local sunset at 1327z). David (and probably Rich) will also be an entry in the **CQWW CW Contest**. QSL this operation only to K3LP. Meanwhile, disaster hits A6 operators by a cyclone that hit Dubai at the end of October. "The DX News Sheet" reports A61AD lost his KT34XA, A61AN lost his 20m yagi, A61AO's yagi is now vertically polarised and partially damaged, but A61AQ's antennas survived.

EL, LIBERIA. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Joe, K3KN, who has been active as **EL/K3KN** is now sporting his new **EL2JR** callsign. OPDX has found him to be active on some of the WARC bands. This past weekend he was heard on 30 meters between 0000 and 0530z and on 17 meters (around 18074 kHz) between 1930 and 2330z. QSL via KB3U.

FO, RIMATAR ISLAND (Postponed). Albert's (**FO5JR**) planned activity from this Polynesian island (**IOTA OC-50**) in December has been **postponed** due to the projected weather forecast. The forecast states a very bad and hard summer season and Albert wishes to stay at home. He will now try to be there next July.

HS0, THAILAND. Tony, HS0/G4UAV, announces that the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand is planning an all-out multi effort in the **1997 CQWW CW** from its club station **HS0AC** at the Asian Institute of Technology near Bangkok Airport. SM3DYU and LA7JO are organizing the effort which will also include VK3DXI, E21CJN and EY8MM. However, they would like to have five or six more operators to really make a full go of it. PERMISSION FOR THE OPERATION TO UTILIZE 80 AND 160 METERS HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED. If you are interested, please contact Tony (quickly) at his E-mail address:

tonyw@mozart.inet.co.th Fred, K3ZO, added something to this announcement which readers may find interesting: "Granted, this announcement is being made on very short notice. But consider the fact that Thailand, never an expensive tourist destination to start with, is now a real bargain with the dollar worth 60% more in the local currency than it was a few months ago. The Institute has a comfortable and inexpensive hotel right on the campus within easy walking distance of HS0AC. Persons flying in on that Thursday or Friday, from the U.S. at least, can often get special discounts because of it being the Thanksgiving holiday whereby most people have already arrived at their destinations. No visa need be obtained in advance in order to enter Thailand; you will be given a 30-day permit to stay in Thailand on arrival at the airport."

J2, DJIBOUTI. Jean, F6AJA, reports Dominique, **J28DB** (home callsign unknown), will be active for the **next 3 years**. QSL via F4AAQ.

J8. ST. VINCENT. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Volkmar, DF2SS, will be active from here **December 20th through January 20, 1998**. No callsign was mentioned, but the "DX News Sheet" reports that their activity will include operations on 160 meters and RTTY.

JD, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Look for Take, JG8NQJ, to be active as **JG8NQJ/JD1** from **Marcus Island**, starting **November 25th**, and lasting **until February 20, 1998**. He will be working at the meteorological station on the island. QSL via JA8CJY.

NH2, GUAM. Bill, NH6D, who lived in Honolulu and operated off and on from Midway last year, has permanently moved to Guam. He will be using the callsign **NH2/NH6D**. Over time, he will be more and more active on the low bands. QSL to his manager N6FF.

P4, ARUBA. Bob, K4UEE, will be active once again as **P40R** during the **CQWW CW Contest** as a Single/OP entry. QSL via NK4U.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Tim, N4GN, reports that the **OH0/N4GN** and **OJ0/N4GN** DXpedition logs are now searchable at the following URL: <http://www.iglou.com/n4gn/oj0/> He states, "Much of the original logs were on paper, so there are likely a few data entry errors. Please notify me of any discrepancies. Details regarding the QSL status are also available at this same URL, and will be updated as necessary. The bottom line now is that I expect to answer direct requests by the end of December. Please do not send second (or third!) requests before then. Tnx for your patience! 73, Tim Totten, n4gn@iglou.com....."
- Doug, N6RT, wants to remind everyone that the **FO8DX** QSLs for 1997 **CQWW SSB Contest** go via KG6AR: Chris Williams, 1117 So. Del Mar Ave., San Gabriel, CA 91776-3034. He also mentions that their FO0 2x2 callsigns listed in the bulletins before the contest were never issued. Please remove them from any QSL info lists you see. All current visitor licenses are 2x3 FO0 callsigns with the suffix being the first three letters of your last name (or the closest unissued callsign). The following are the actual callsigns issued and their QSL routes:
 - **FO5VO** via N6VO, Ron Weaver, 13691 Solitaire, Irvine, CA 92720
 - **FO0BRD** via N6RT (ex-NF6H), Doug Brandon, 712 Stardust Drive, Placentia, CA 92870-4507
 - **FO0KEO** via KA7CQQ, John Kennon, P O Box 31553, Laughlin, NV 89029
 - **FO0MIT** via W6RW (ex-N6NU), Mike Mitchell, 5271 Turquoise Ave, Alta Loma, CA 91701
 - **FO0PLA** via W8AEF, Paul Playford, 35639 N 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85027-7405
 - **FO0SPE** via KG6AR (see above address - op. W6KK)

"Please be patient as it will take a month or so to develop film and get QSLs printed.....
73 de Doug, N6RT"

TI, COSTA RICA. Fred, K9VV, reports to OPDX that through the courtesy of TI5KD, the contest call of **TI5N** will be used as a Multi/Single in the **CQWW CW Contest**. The operators will be K6CT, K9VV, TI2CCC and TI2OY. QSL via TI5KD.

XF3, ROQUETA ISLAND (Mexico). A group of Mexican operators will activate **NA-183** located in the **Guerrero State Group** from 2100z **November 21st**, to 2100z **November 23rd**. Operators will sign: **XF3/XE3HLR**, **XF3/XE3AD**, **XF3/XE3LYC**, **XF3/XE3LBT**, **XF3/XE1K** and **XF3/XE3LMV**. Activity will be on 160-6 meter and RS-12/13. QSL via XE3LMV.

XU, KAMPUCHEA (CAMBODIA) (Sad Note). OPDX is sad to report that Mike, **W0YZS**, who many have worked as **XU6WV**, became a Silent Key (SK) on October 27th in Kampuchea. Mike was also noted for his activities as VR2WV, VS6WV, SV0FE, SV0FE/SV5 and SV0FE/SV9. OPDX sends our deepest sympathy to the family.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. Look for **ZF1A** as a Multi/Single entry in the **CQWW CW Contest**. The following operators will activate ZF1A and will be active outside the contest: Dan K1TO/ZF2??, Bob K4UVT/**ZF2RF**, Joe W5ASP/**ZF2NE**, Mike K9MK/**ZF2MK**, and Carl K9LA/**ZF2LA**. QSLs for ZF1A QSOs go to K9LA. QSLs for QSOs outside the contest period go to the respective home call. For more details visit their WEB site at: <http://members.aol.com/k4uvt/ZF1A.htm>.

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<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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